GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BLOOD BANKS IN DELHI
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the demand and supply of blood is widening in Delhi because of the low collection of blood;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to involve more voluntary organizations for collection of blood for Government Hospitals through the blood banks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The availability of blood in Delhi`s blood banks has improved from 2.69 lakh units in 2000-01, to 2.81 lakh units in 2001-02. The anticipated demand at that time was 2.8 lakh units. Presently, the level of blood supplies available in Delhi match the yearly demand. However, there are sporadic instances of shortage in a few blood banks.

c) Blood Banks collect voluntary Blood Donations through voluntary organisations in the Blood Banks and also in camps. All efforts are being made to increase the proportion of voluntary blood donation through interpersonal efforts, use of mass media like TV, AIR and newspapers. In all these activities voluntary organisations are involved.